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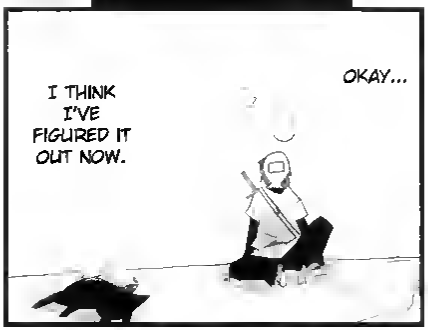
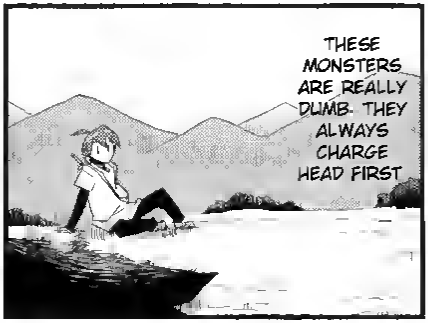
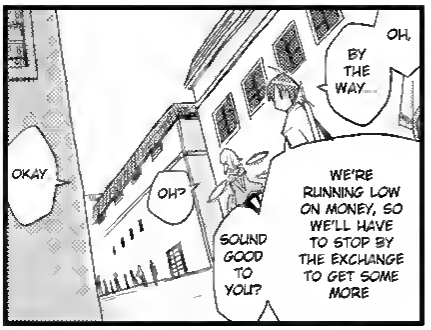
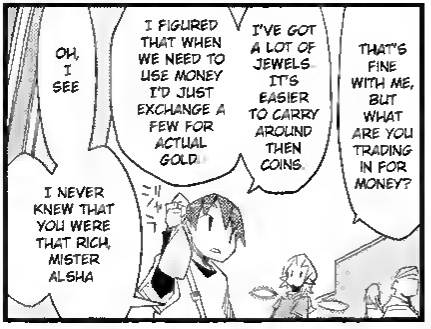
SO THE ONLY THINGS I NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IS A GROUP OF THEM...


I THINK I'VE FIGURED IT OUT NOW.
OKAY...

DO YOU NEED A BREAK ?
AND THE MUSCLE ACHES.

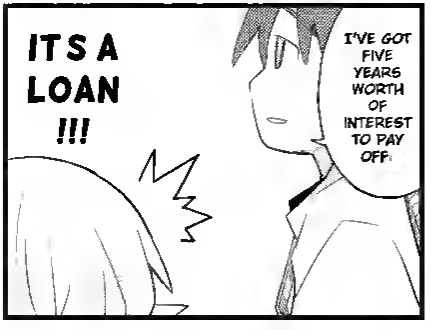

THESE MONSTERS ARE REALLY DUMB. THEY ALWAYS CHARGE HEAD FIRST


OH, BY THE WAY...
WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON MONEY, SO WE'LL HAVE TO STOP BY THE EXCHANGE TO GET SOME MORE
OH?
SOUND GOOD TO YOU?
OKAY

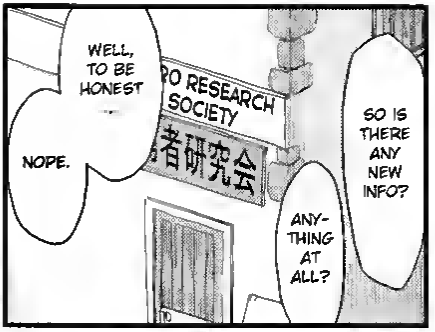

THAT'S FINE WITH ME, BUT WHAT ARE YOU TRADING IN FOR MONEY?
I'VE GOT A LOT OF JEWELS IT'S EASIER TO CARRY AROUND THEN COINS.
I FIGURED THAT WHEN WE NEED TO USE MONEY I'D JUST EXCHANGE A FEW FOR ACTUAL GOLD.
OH, I SEE
I NEVER KNEW THAT YOU WERE THAT RICH, MISTER ALSHA

LOTS OF PEOPLE
LOTS OF STORES

!!!?
OK
THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO PICK UP SOME TRAVEL SUPPLIES.


I'VE GOT FIVE YEARS WORTH OF INTEREST TO PAY OFF.
ITS A LOAN !!!

HM?
I MEAN, ISN'T IT PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT I'M TOTALLY UNPREPARED FOR A LONG JOURNEY? I NEED GEAR AND SUPPLIES.
RIGHT ?
THAT'S TRUE, BUT YOU'RE ONLY WORRIED ABOUT IT NOW?!


SO IS THERE ANY NEW INFO?
ANY-THING AT ALL?
WELL, TO BE HONEST
NOPE.
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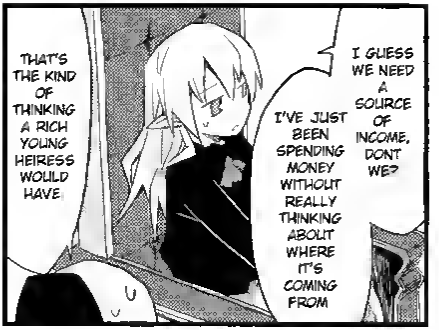
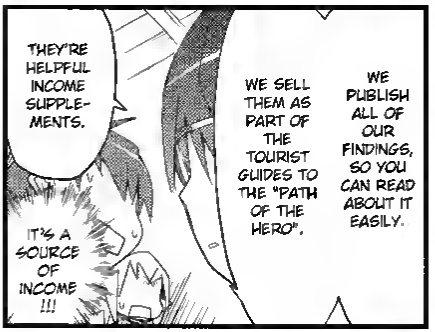
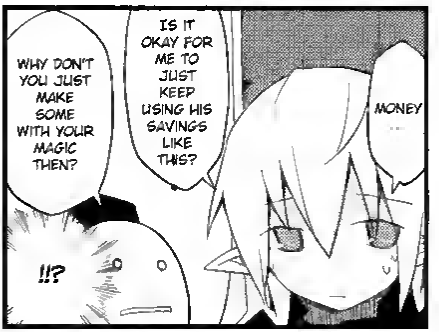
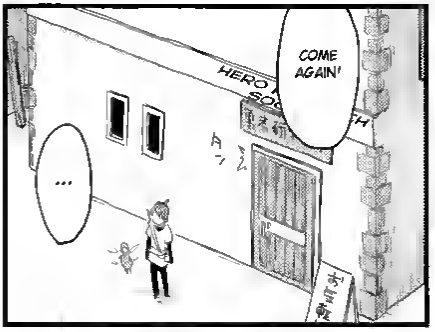

I GUESS WE NEED A SOURCE OF INCOME, DON'T WE?
I'VE JUST BEEN SPENDING MONEY WITHOUT REALLY THINKING ABOUT WHERE IT'S COMING FROM
THAT'S THE KIND OF THINKING A RICH YOUNG HEIRESS WOULD HAVE.

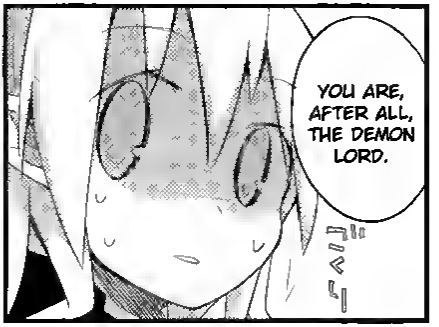

THEY'RE HELPFUL INCOME SUPPLE-MENTS.
IT'S A SOURCE OF INCOME !!!
WE SELL THEM AS PART OF THE TOURIST GUIDES TO THE "PATH OF THE HERO".
WE PUBLISH ALL OF OUR FINDINGS, SO YOU CAN READ ABOUT IT EASILY.


MONEY...
IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO JUST KEEP USING HIS SAVINGS LIKE THIS?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST MAKE SOME WITH YOUR MAGIC THEN?
!!?

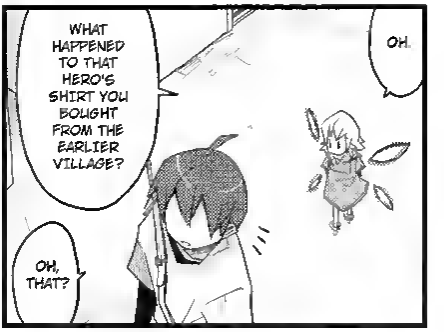

COME AGAIN!
...

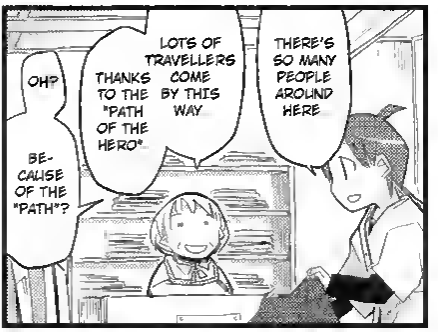
YOU MEAN, COUNTER-FEITING?
YES
IF I COULD DO THAT, THEN WOULDN'T THAT MAKE ME SUPER RICH?
NO. YOU CAN MAKE REAL GOLD AND OTHER PRECIOUS METALS.

YEAH.
LET'S GO OVER IT VERY CAREFULLY IN DETAIL.
CAN YOU SHOW LET ME LOOK IT OVER?
THAT TOURIST'S GUIDE THAT YOU GOT.

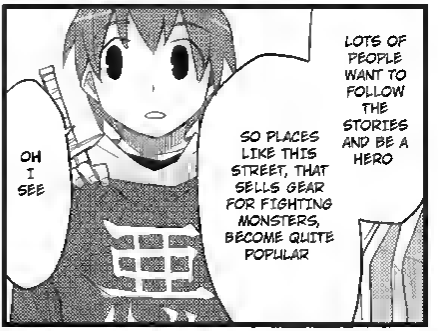

YOU ARE, AFTER ALL, THE DEMON LORD.

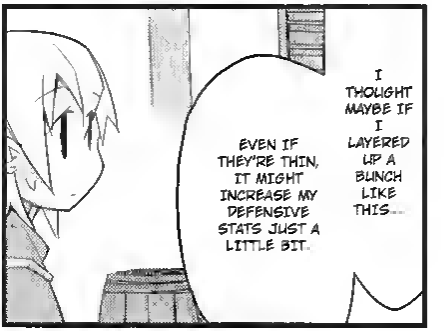
SIGN: CLOTHES AND MISC. GOODS
衣服・雑貨

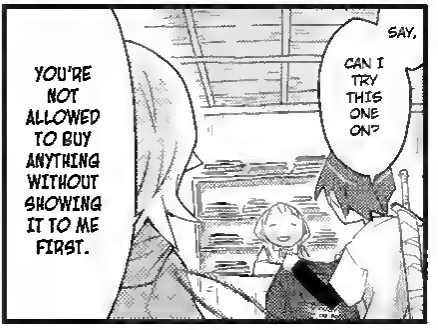

WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT HERO'S SHIRT YOU BOUGHT FROM THE EARLIER VILLAGE?
OH, THAT?
OH.

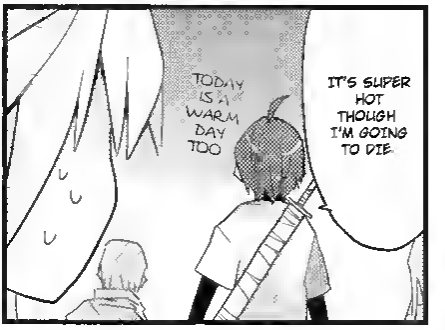

THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND HERE
LOTS OF TRAVELLERS COME BY THIS WAY
THANKS TO THE "PATH OF THE HERO".
OH?
BE-CAUSE OF THE "PATH"?

I'M STILL WEARING IT
YOU'RE STILL WEARING IT?

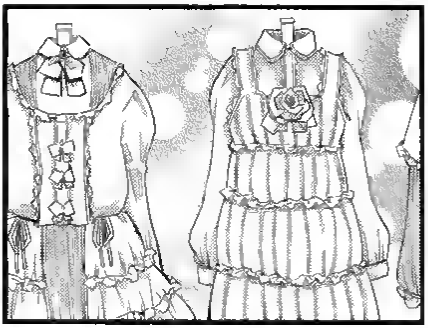

LOTS OF PEOPLE WANT TO FOLLOW THE STORIES AND BE A HERO
SO PLACES LIKE THIS STREET, THAT SELLS GEAR FOR FIGHTING MONSTERS, BECOME QUITE POPULAR
OH I SEE

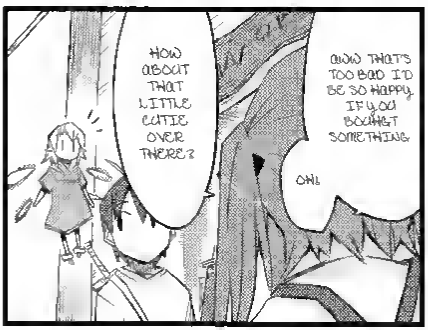

I THOUGHT MAYBE IF I LAYERED UP A BUNCH LIKE THIS...
EVEN IF THEY'RE THIN, IT MIGHT INCREASE MY DEFENSIVE STATS JUST A LITTLE BIT.


SAY, CAN I TRY THIS ONE ON?
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BUY ANYTHING WITHOUT SHOWING IT TO ME FIRST.


IT'S SUPER HOT THOUGH I'M GOING TO DIE.
TODAY IS A WARM DAY TOO

HEY, BIG BOY. DO YOU WANT TO BUY SOME WEAPONS?
OH.
NO THANKS,
I'M NOT PLANNING TO BUY ANYTHING
I JUST WANTED TO BROWSE YOUR SWORDS FOR A BIT.

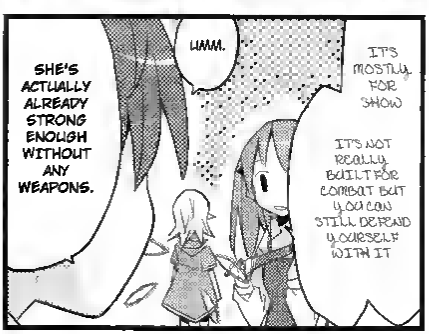


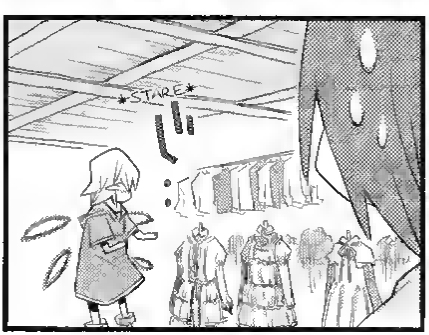

HOW ABOUT THAT LITTLE CUTIE OVER THERE?
WOW THAT'S TOO BAD. I'D BE SO HAPPY IF YOU BOUGHT SOMETHING.
OH.

MISS MAO, DID YOU WANT TO TRY THOSE ON?
EH?
N-NO!
NOT AT ALL!

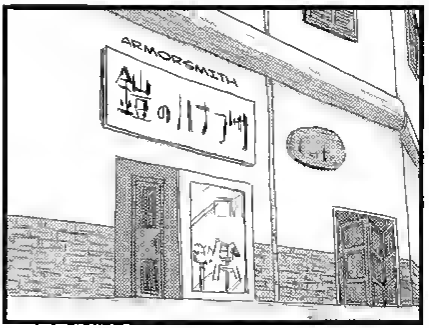
HMMM
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS LITTLE DAGGER?

I JUST HAPPENED TO BE LOOKING IN THIS DIRECTION, THAT'S ALL...


UMM.
SHE'S ACTUALLY ALREADY STRONG ENOUGH WITHOUT ANY WEAPONS.
IT'S MOSTLY FOR SHOW
IT'S NOT REALLY BUILT FOR COMBAT BUT YOU CAN STILL DEFEND YOURSELF WITH IT


STARE

THERE'S A LOT OF EQUIPMENT SHOPS AROUND HERE AREN'T THERE?
WITH ALL THOSE MONSTERS RUNNING AROUND OUT IN THE WILD,
BUSINESS IS REALLY BOOMING!
HUH.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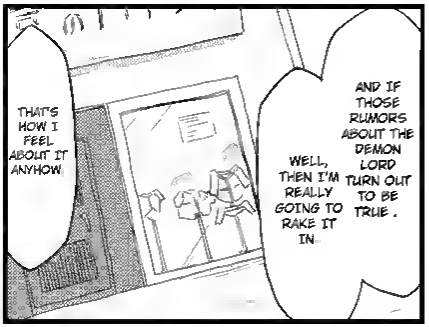
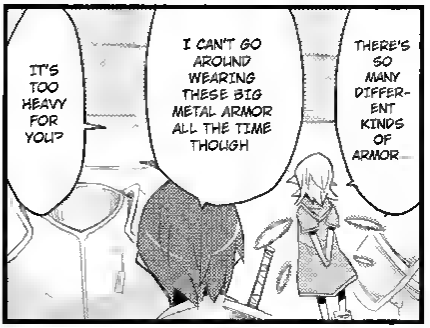
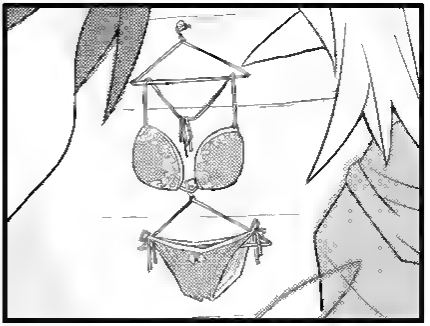
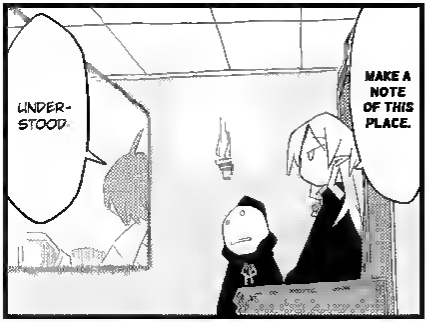
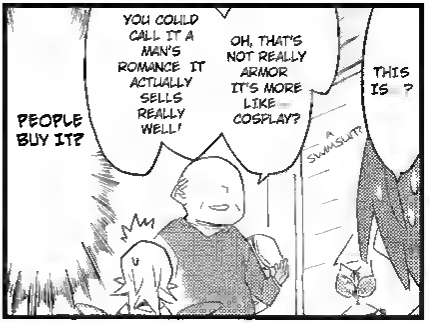

AND IF THOSE RUMORS ABOUT THE DEMON LORD TURN OUT TO BE TRUE.
WELL, THEN I'M REALLY GOING TO RAKE IT IN
THAT'S HOW I FEEL ABOUT IT ANYHOW.


THERE'S SO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF ARMOR
I CAN'T GO AROUND WEARING THESE BIG METAL ARMOR ALL THE TIME THOUGH
IT'S TOO HEAVY FOR YOU?

I'VE GOT PLENTY OF STOCK, TAKE YOUR TIME AND LOOK AROUND!
OH, OKAY.
WE WILL

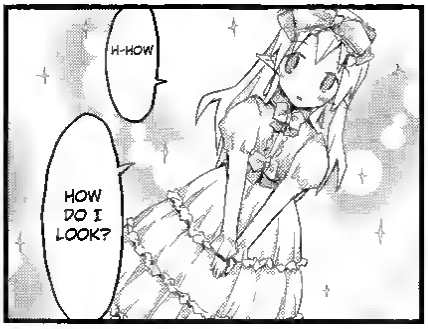


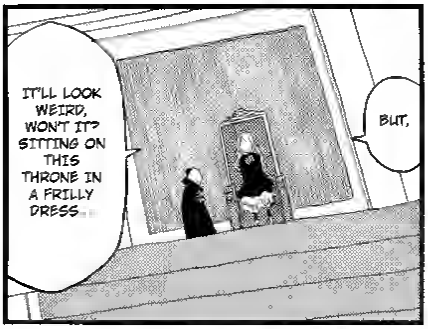

MAKE A NOTE OF THIS PLACE.
UNDERSTOOD.

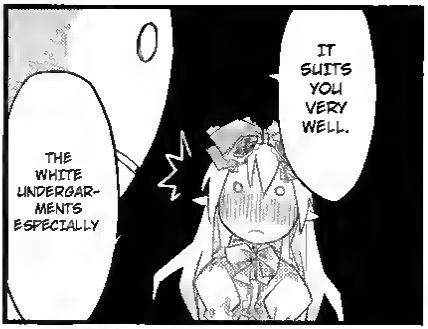

THIS IS ?
SWIMSUIT?
OH, THAT'S NOT REALLY ARMOR IT'S MORE LIKE COSPLAY?
YOU COULD CALL IT A MAN'S ROMANCE IT ACTUALLY SELLS REALLY WELL!
PEOPLE BUY IT?

YES, LORD.
DON'T TURN AROUND, OKAY?

SO YOU WERE INTERESTED AFTER ALL...
I'M A LITTLE BIT INTERESTED
THOSE CLOTHES BACK THERE DID LOOK CUTE THOUGH.

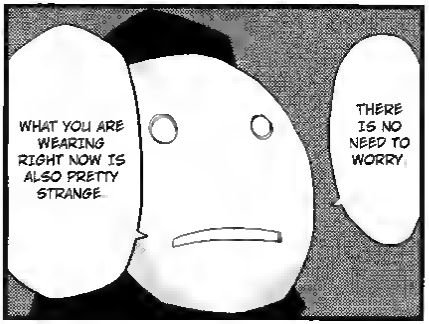

H-HOW
HOW DO I LOOK?

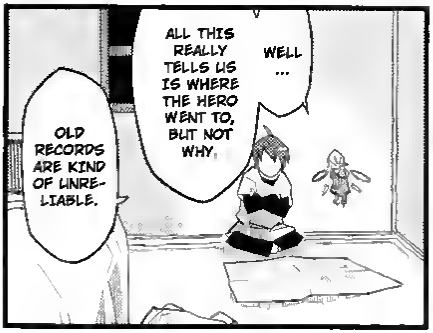

IT'LL LOOK WEIRD, WON'T IT? SITTING ON THIS THRONE IN A FRILLY DRESS...
BUT,

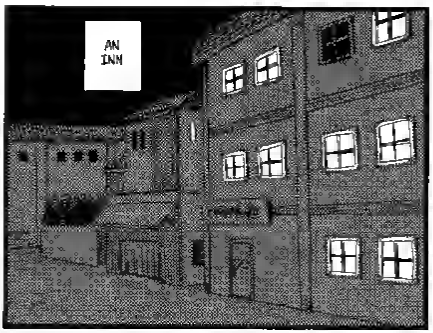

IT SUITS YOU VERY WELL.
THE WHITE UNDERGARMENTS ESPECIALLY

?
OKAY?
COULD YOU PLEASE STAND UP FOR A MOMENT?

IT WAS FOR THE RECORDS.
I TOLD YOU NOT TO LOOK!


WHAT YOU ARE WEARING RIGHT NOW IS ALSO PRETTY STRANGE...
THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY.


OLD RECORDS ARE KIND OF UNRELIABLE.
ALL THIS REALLY TELLS US IS WHERE THE HERO WENT TO, BUT NOT WHY.
WELL...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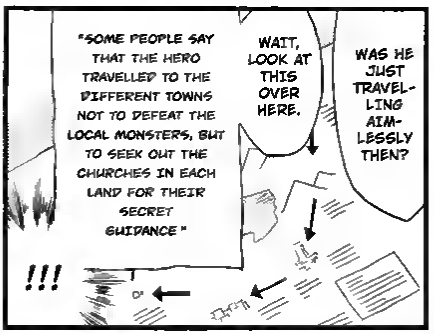
"SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE HERO TRAVELLED TO THE DIFFERENT TOWNS NOT TO DEFEAT THE LOCAL MONSTERS, BUT TO SEEK OUT THE CHURCHES IN EACH LAND FOR THEIR SECRET GUIDANCE"
WAIT, LOOK AT THIS OVER HERE.
WAS HE JUST TRAVELLING AIMLESSLY THEN?
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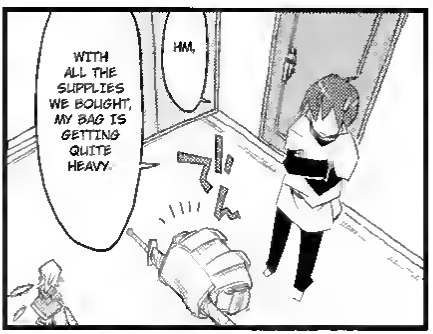
WITH ALL THE SUPPLIES WE BOUGHT, MY BAG IS GETTING QUITE HEAVY.
HM,

"HOWEVER, THE CHURCHES HAVE ALL LONG SINCE BEEN ABANDONED IN THE PAST 100 YEARS, AND THERE IS NO ONE WHO CAN VERIFY THIS INFORMATION"

SO...
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT ANY ARMOR?
WHAT A LOW HURDLE...
I HOPE ONE DAY I WILL BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO LIFT THIS EASILY

YOU'LL JUST RUN?!
I'LL RUN AWAY!
IF WE COME ACROSS A MONSTER THAT I CAN'T BEAT WITH MY SWORD

COMET SCANS

THE MORE PEOPLE THAT THEY MEET IN THEIR TRAVELS, THE MORE I GET THE FEELING THAT MAO IS REALLY STARTING TO CONSIDER JUST WIPING OUT ALL THE HUMANS.

IT'S TOO BAD SHE DIDN'T KEEP THE DRESS! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, STUPID PERVERT RECORDS ROBOT.

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